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## Editorial Comment

### MINIMUM SALARIES FOR TEACHERS PROPOSED

The Virginia Education Association proposes that the 1948 session of the General Assembly enact into law a state-wide minimum annual salary schedule, based upon training and experience and providing annual increments of $100 per year over a period of twelve years. The recommended salary schedule is based on a minimum employment period of ten months, including two weeks vacation with pay.

Their proposed schedule would provide a beginning salary of $200 per month for the teacher holding a degree. It is further recommended that the state salary schedule provide adequate sick leave.

This paper has long favored the offering of adequate inducements to well qualified teachers. We have confidence that the Assembly will continue the rapid progress being made toward better schools.

### CAPITATION TAXES

The deadline for the payment of capitation taxes is near.

Don't overlook qualifying to vote this year, when county officers will be elected.

Appomattox County is well governed and administered by capable officers. It may well be that there will be no election contests. But that should not deter any citizen from qualifying to vote. Keep your name on the eligible list!

### TRUMAN'S ALLEY

(From Winchester Star)

An ultra-modern, wholly regulation bowling alley is being set up in the White House basement as a birthday present for President Truman, who will be 63 on May 4. According to Press Secretary Charles G. Ross, the two-lane affair is a gift from "a group of anonymous donors." Which seems to suggest that no bowling alley manufacturer was opportunist enough to anticipate the President's birthday for advertising purposes.

Secretary Ross explained that the installation will remain in the White House after Mr. Truman leaves office and is not to be considered a personal gift to the chief executive. In any event, the President's new alley offers him the pleasing prospects of strikes of a different sort from those which have plagued him.

### THE LONGBOW FOR DEFENSE

(From Eastern Shore News)

If you are really anxious to ascertain whether the human race has made progress, you might pay a visit to a large library and borrow a book written about three hundred years ago.

Recently, the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington received a copy of "Toxophilus," written by Roger Ascham and printed in 1545. Significantly, the book is a defense of archery. It appeared in England, which was hardly touched by the religious wars on the Continent or by the development of firearms. The author contended that the longbow, which had achieved victory at Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt, was the best implement for the defense of Britain.

The volume was one of the first serious books to appear in the English tongue and helped to establish the language. The author was skilled in the classical languages and explained that it would have been "more easy" to have written it in Latin or Greek. It presents positive proof that times change and that people progress.

### WHAT'S IMPORTANT

(Reader's Digest)

A group of prep school boys was listening to the headmaster's account of how a boy had been injured sliding into second base. The master said hopefully that they thought there was only a concussion—no fractured skull. After a moment of silence one boy broke out: "Was he safe?"

### HENRY FORD'S WILL

(From New York Times)

The great motor company that bears his name, and which was founded in 1903 with only $28,000 in cash, remains in the family under the will of Henry Ford. This is in keeping with the character of its founder, who prized independence from the influence of "outsiders" and who, as long ago as 1919, bought up all stock not owned by his family and made it an exclusively Ford property. Estimates of the estate vary greatly; a half billion dollars is mentioned as a possible figure. The responsibility for carrying on this great family empire now rests, or will as the younger members reach maturity, on the four grandchildren of Henry Ford, whose only son, Edsel, died in 1943.

Of Henry Ford's personal estate, a large part, ranging in value from $104,640,000 to $342,896,600, is bequeathed to the Ford Foundation, which was set up in 1936 for "scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare.' This foundation started humbly with assets of $164,000. These had risen to $109,000,000 before Mr. Ford's death, and it will now be the largest foundation of its kind, surpassing even the Rockefeller and the Carnegie Corporation, which have formerly led the lists. We can expect that, if Henry Ford's principles are followed, this huge sum now to be held by the Foundation will go for purposes practically useful to mankind. He was a stern believer in helping only those who were willing to help themselves, and once said: "I have no patience with professional charity." Among the enterprises which he supported, either privately or through the Foundation, were Greenfield Village of historical interest, the Ford hospital, trade and apprentice schools, and veteran rehabilitation facilities. From the expanded service of this Foundation the people at large thus become the major beneficiary under Henry Ford's will.

### THE BETTER CHANCE

(The Wall Street Journal)

A wealthy man, intent on matrimony, told his friend one day that he was 60 and asked: "Would it be better if I told a young lady whom I'd like to marry that I'm only 50?"

"I'll be perfectly frank with you," his friend replied. "Your chances would be better if you'd tell her you were 75."

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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D., Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

### Lesson for April 27

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### NATIONAL GLORY AND DECAY

LESSON TEXT—I Kings 3:5-9; 5:13-18; 11:4-6.

MEMORY SELECTION—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Proverbs 3:5.

Success or failure in life is determined by the measure of a man's devotion to God and obedience to the will of God. We speak now of real success, not according to the ideas of the world. We are concerned with what a man is and what he does for God, not with what he may happen to possess.

The life of Solomon falls into three divisions, corresponding to his early manhood, middle life and old age. It moves from glory and blessing to tragedy and judgment.

**I. Wise Youth (3:5-9).**

We use the word youth to cover the early years of Solomon's reign. He was now a young man, but the godly background of his rearing by his family and made it an exclusively Ford property. Estimates of the estate vary greatly; a half billion dollars is mentioned as a possible figure. The responsibility for carrying on this great family empire now rests, or will as the younger members reach maturity, on the four grandchildren of Henry Ford, whose only son, Edsel, died in 1943.

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...ness, Route 2, April 22.- ... Mrs. L. M. Kern are ... a while with their daugh... Royal Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Hamlett and children, of Phenix and Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Cullen spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson.

Mrs. W. R. Moore left for Montgomery, W. Va. last Tuesday afternoon.

Rocks, April 21.- Miss Annie C. Martin, daughter of S. Hubert Martin, of Pamplin, has been chosen as one of the attendants for the May Queen at the annual Phillips Secretarial School Dance which will be held at the Woman's Club May 8.

## ...ewall

...all, April 22.- We are so ...ear that Claude Drinkard ... is at the home of his ... H. Routon.

...Mrs. Marvin Taylor and Mrs. Lula Taylor spent ...Mrs. Dan Taylor and ... Lynchburg.

...Lee has returned ...the hospital, after a ...eration last Thursday.

...ce Bondurant celebrated her's birthday on last ...with quite a lot of her ...relatives. We wish for ...Younger, the mother, a ...py returns of the day.

...Mrs. Hugh Braford and Sarah spent the week-end ...nts at Natural Bridge ...of his father's birthday.

...Joe Burnett, Jr., of Lynch... ...ding awhile with his ...nts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ru...

...Mrs. Lester Carson, Mr. ...Howlett Drinkard and ...Mr. and Mrs. Henry ...son, Lawrence called to ...and Mrs. E. L. Chick over ...

...Mrs. J. H. Beard had as ...Sunday Mr. and Mrs. ...rd and family, Mr. and ...Chapman and family and ...Henry Beard and son.

## ...ks News

...21.- Farmers ... and ... farm work.

...and Wiley Ranson went ...r uncle, T. N. Ransone to ...last Sunday to see the ...aunt, Mrs. Nora Meadows, ...been sick in the hospital.

...and Mrs. James R. Taylor ...nnies, it's twin girls, born ...Lynchburg General Hospital.

...M. Evans, of Charlotte ...House spent a few days last ...with Cassie Baldwin.

...Harry Ranson and children ...this time at Appomattox ...r mother, Mrs. Holmsey ...a week.

...Ranson spent Saturday ...Joe Almond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and Donna Lee, of Greenbel..., Md. spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell Jr. called to see Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

ARMY NEWS

M-Sgt. Theodore Ramsey, NCOTC, Army Recruiting Station in Lynchburg, announced today that the War Department has recently authorized direct appointments in the Military Intelligence Service, for assignment in the Far Eastern Command. Applican'a must possess the following qualifications: be fully qualified to meet physical and mental standards; be able to fluently read, write and speak the Korean or Russian language.

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